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Class of '51 Begins A Golden Tradition

GLENN MARZANO

The Class of '51 at its Golden Grad reunion.

When the class of 1951 gathered for its Golden Grad reunion May 19, there was the usual flurry of activity—getting reacquainted, talking about experiences at the College, catching up on the years in between. This class, the first of the new millennium to celebrate a half-century since its graduation, decided to do something different—and very special—by committing to raise $50,000 as a reunion gift to the Mount.

Former regent of the College Eloise Martinez Helwig (second from left in second row in photo) agreed to chair the Reunion Gift Committee, which is leading this challenge. No stranger to fundraising, Helwig is president of the Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital Foundation and served as the chair of the Mount's first annual fund (then called the Alumnae Fund) in 1957.

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"I have enjoyed reconnecting with and meeting new faculty members, staff, students, and other alums."

It Is In the Giving That You Receive

By Mary Anne Sterling Houlahan '75

About the time the rest of the world was pondering the new millennium, I was forging the transition from corporate executive to sole proprietor. After nearly 20 years in the investment business, I had seen more than my share of airports and hotels. I was gone from home too long and too often. I was looking for substance of a different kind.

My new business afforded the flexibility to set my own agenda and engage in pastimes that mattered most to me, but had been put off too long—like spending time with family and friends, and pursuing life's simpler pleasures such as cooking, gardening, and piano lessons.

Sitting at dinner one evening in 1999 at the Long Beach Aquarium—one of many enjoyable events sponsored by the Mount Associates—Sr. Carol Brong '66 opened a new door. At her invitation, I became a volunteer at the Doheny Campus Learning Resource Center. I realized that what I had learned on the journey since college graduation could be invested in other pursuits. The willingness to spend a couple of hours a week helping students develop their English grammar and writing skills more than made up for my lack of formal preparation. What a delightful experience it has been!

As a consequence of being back on campus, other opportunities emerged. Last summer, for example, I had the opportunity to participate in the first Working Wardrobes *Day of Self Esteem*—an event sponsored by the Alumnae Association to benefit women from local homeless shelters and social service agencies. Over the course of the summer, we helped gather, inspect, sort and label enough gently used clothing and accessories—donated primarily by other alumnae—to outfit each of our 110 guests with a new working wardrobe. Words cannot express the sense of humility and genuine satisfaction that those of us fortunate enough to participate took away from that experience.

This spring, in conjunction with the Education Department's literacy conference, the Alumnae Association sponsored the *Teachers' Cupboard.* We solicited donations of books, games, puzzles, teaching aids, and school supplies from MSMC alums and friends to benefit new and inner-city schoolteachers. Our collective efforts made a world of difference to more than 100 Los Angeles K-12 teachers.

Mary Anne Sterling Houlahan (left) and Angela Hawekotte (right) present the class of 1975 gift to President Doud.

I share these experiences to illustrate my joy in reacquainting myself with the Mount. I've made a point to contribute to the annual fund, but being involved isn't only about money or recognition. It's about giving back, and making a difference in small ways.

I have come home to a place where love is unconditional and the appreciation of your time and sundry talents is immense. I have enjoyed reconnecting with and meeting new faculty members, staff, students, and other alums. Just as important, I have witnessed the evolution of Mount St. Mary's College since I was a student, and have a new appreciation for the challenges it faces in the new millennium. The College needs our support and allegiance.

If you find yourself with a couple of hours to spare, the Mount is a great place to invest yourself. The need is great and any effort is appreciated. The old adage "it is in giving that you receive" truly has made a substantial difference in my life. Ⓜ

Mary Anne Sterling Houlahan '75 is first vice president of the MSMC Alumnae Association and co-chaired her 25th Anniversary Class Gift committee.

Adieu, Sister Eloise Therese Mescall, CSJ

Adapted in part from the necrology written by Sister Karen Wilhelmy, CSJ '62

The Mount community was saddened by the death of Sister Eloise Therese Mescall on May 18, 2001. Born Mary Virginia Mescall on December 20, 1919, she was raised in Los Angeles, attended Catholic elementary schools and St. Mary's Academy. She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in 1938, and received the name of Sister Eloise Therese in honor of her two elder sisters.

After teaching music for a few years in Oakland, Calif., she attended UCLA where she received a bachelor's and master's degree in French, and in 1948, joined the faculty at the College in the Modern Languages Department, where she became chair, a position she held until 1961. Before it was even fashionable, she was interested in multicultural issues, and returned to UCLA where she earned her doctorate in romance languages in 1959.

MSMC ARCHIVES

Sister Eloise Therese looks out at the Chalon Campus in the early 1970s.

Sister Eloise Therese believed that classroom teaching was second only to traveling to learn about the world, and in 1955 she founded a program for undergraduates to study abroad in their junior year. She received study travel grants from the Instituto de Cultura Hispanica, the Mexican and Austrian governments, and the Richilieu Institute, and post-doctoral fellowships at Laval University in Quebec and the University of Lausanne in Switzerland, to name a few.

She also held administrative positions at the College, including director of the Doheny Campus from 1959 to 1964, coordinator of development and public relations from 1961 to 1964, and director of development from 1964 to 1967.

She received many accolades throughout her lifetime, and was a member of many professional and academic honor societies. She received an honorary diploma from the University of Madrid, was given the title of Officier des Palmes Academiques from the French government in 1975 in recognition of her cultural rendering and strengthening of Franco-American ties, and won the Meyer Krakowski Scholarship for her research on Victor Hugo in 1981. She was named professor emerita by Mount St. Mary's College in 1994 when she retired.

While involved in teaching, traveling, and studying, she also translated not only textbooks and scholarly tomes, but also a four-volume catechetical series from English to Spanish, and edited an Italian work on modernism for Alba Press in 1970.

She is best remembered for the festive parties she gave, her love of traveling, her fine manners, and her dignified and elegant presence.

Contributions to MSMC in memory of Sister Eloise Therese Mescall, CSJ, may be sent to:
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Outstanding Mount Students Recognized at Annual Honors Convocations

RYAN SMITH

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More than 80 Chalon and Doheny students were honored for their outstanding academic achievements and contributions at the Mount's annual pre-commencement awards and honors convocations: Mary's Day held April 28 on the Chalon Campus (top photo), and Laurel Day held May 12 on the Doheny Campus (bottom photo).

In the Classroom

Representing a Small Country in the Big Apple

By Margaux de Leon '01

More than 1,000 chocolate bars were sold, countless food sales held, and dozens of TV show tapings attended. The result of all that fundraising finally became reality on the rainy Saturday morning of April 7 when the alarm clock rang at 4 a.m., forcing us to get up and head out to the airport. Red-eyed and drowsy, but all very much excited, the 11 women of Mount St. Mary's College were ready to represent the Republic of Kyrgyzstan at the 2001 National Model United Nations Conference in New York City.

Our diverse delegation, under the guidance of Doug Becker, lecturer, history/political science, consisted of five political science majors, three biology majors, one history major, one sociology major and one business major, all bringing various perspectives to our assigned committees. Being the only business major, I was the lone representative in the World Trade Organization (WTO) committee. Other committees in which we represented Kyrgyzstan included: the General Assembly (GA) Plenary; GA First Committee; World Conference Against Racism; Habitat Agenda; UN Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS; and the UN Development Programme.

As part of 2,400 delegates from four continents attending the conference, we had the unique opportunity to interact with other students who had all studied the UN system as extensively as we had. The one-week event offered us the chance to articulate our assigned country's views on contemporary issues of global importance. Exploring the issues facing our committees demanded diplomacy, patience, and perseverance. We were challenged to develop innovative solutions while respecting cultural, historical, and political traditions of the country we represented.

All the weeks leading up to April were spent researching our topics, presenting our papers, and practicing the art of diplomacy at similar, but less intense, one-day conferences. This preparation thoroughly helped our delegation overcome our initial fears about public speaking and debating, all the while strengthening our confidence. We fully immersed ourselves into *being* Kyrgyz women. We studied how the Central-Asian country transformed from at first being an Asian country, to an Islamic country, then to a communist country, and to its final stage as a newly democratic, transitional country.

From the country's political transition, to its current economic market reforms, and everything in between, we had it covered. All that was left to do was to stay "in character" and get down to business.

Since Kyrgyzstan is a small country, which generally aligns its policies with those of the United States and the European Union, our strategy was to follow its lead. Kyrgyzstan relies heavily on foreign assistance, so much so that its transition toward a market economy and a democratic government would not have been possible without the assistance of international financial institutions. I had to keep this in mind at all times as I represented Kyrgyzstan at the ministerial meeting of the WTO.

The WTO committee was surprisingly large, consisting of about 130 people. The delegation managed to set the agenda on our first day, which was a great accomplishment considering it usually takes a week to do the similar task in the real WTO. Since the countries represented in the committee were all either developed or developing/transitional, we had decided that our first issue for discussion would be relevant to all our nations: global economic disparity. During our sessions, countries progressed from working only within their voting blocks and regional groups to working with the entire committee, so that every country's issues were addressed and concerns appeased. It took the remaining days of the conference to produce one collaborative report for that topic alone, which was then presented to the General Assembly.

Veronica Alvarez '01, a political science major and a second-year participant who not only juggled a full course load, but an off-campus job as well, advises those who plan to take the course, "A lot of the work will be done primarily on your own and outside of the classroom. You will have to organize your time well so that you can also help out the group when you're needed for fundraisers."

Kathleen Delgado '02, a biology major, signed up for the course in order to satisfy a speech course required for general studies. She chose to stay in the course even after she learned about the extensive amount of research she would need to do. She says, "Learning about other countries, studying their foreign polices, and keeping abreast of world events is something everyone should do, regardless of their majors. And everyone should learn the valuable skill of public speaking. Taking MUN really helped me improve that skill."

More than 300 Mount students have represented more than 30 countries at the National Model United Nations Conference since 1967.

Remembering Sister Mary Louise Collette, CSJ

August 9, 1923–June 19, 2001

Adapted in part from the necrology by Sister Rose Cecilia Harrington, CSJ '50

The Mount community was saddened by the death of Sister Mary Louise Collette, CSJ, who passed away at Carondelet Center after a long illness. She was 78 years old.

She was born and raised in Los Angeles, the only child of Leo and Margaret Collette. She received the name Sister Margaret Leo to honor her parents when she entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in 1943. Years later, when there was an option of returning to one's baptismal name, she became Sister Mary Louise.

Her career as a mathematics instructor began at the Mount in 1955 after several years of teaching in elementary and secondary schools. During her early years at the College, she served as director of admissions and attended UCLA on a National Science scholarship where she earned her M.A. She returned to St. Mary's Academy in 1965 where she taught for three years, and rejoined the Mount faculty in 1968 as an assistant professor, teaching until her retirement in 1997.

She is best remembered for her warm and welcoming disposition, the individual interest she took in each student, and for making math so comprehensible.

Applause

Katherine Brueck, professor, English, had three of her sonnets published: "Heart Like Glass" in *Troubadour*, "Golden Hair" in *Pegasus*, and "Dance with Trolls" in the *Tucumcari Literary Review*.

Brueck delivered a paper, "Literary Theory and World Christianity," at the international conference Christianity as a World Religion in April at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Steve Shone, assistant professor, history/political science, had his paper "Cultural Relativism and the Savage: The Alleged Inconsistency of William Graham Sumner," accepted for publication by the American Journal of Economics and Sociology.

He recently presented a paper, "Innate Knowledge of Virtue Reconsidered," at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Political Science Association.

Three faculty members recently had books published:

Sister Teresita Espinosa, chair, music, co-edited "Singing Our Faith," a Catholic song book for children.

Eleanor Siebert, chair, physical sciences and mathematics, co-edited "College Pathways to the Science Education Standards."

Marcos McPeek Villatoro wrote "Home Killings: A Romilia Chacon Mystery." Hailed by *Library Journal* as "an excellently written procedural," the book also got rave reviews from the Los Angeles Times and Publishers Weekly, which described it as "a slick, elegantly crafted mystery." The Times called it "one of the best books—mystery or otherwise—you'll read this summer."

George Snow, professor, biological sciences, and Thuong Nguyen, an undergraduate student, were among the co-authors of a presentation titled, "Development of Web Tutorials for Microscopic and Surface Anatomy," given at the American Association for the Advancement of Science Annual Meeting and Science Innovation Exposition in San Francisco in February. The production of these Web-based tutorials has been a collaboration with E. K. Perryman, professor, biological sciences, and students at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Examples of these Web sites can be accessed at: *www.msmc.la.edu/academics/majorsprograms/biology/faculty/current.html*.

Lena Rivkin, instructor, Weekend College, recently gave a lecture titled, "A Visual Thought," at the National Charity League conference.

Correction: In the Spring 2001 issue of the Mount magazine, on page three in "It's a Small World with Big Connections," we incorrectly identified Thunderbird, The American Graduate School of International Management as Thunderbird International School of Business.

The Mount in the Media

Mount St. Mary's recently received the following media coverage:

KFWB News Radio (980 AM)—Carried a live interview with actor Victor Rivers prior to his keynote speech at the Youth Summit on Peace at the Doheny Campus on Saturday, April 21 (see story, page seven).

KNBC-TV—Featured Lena Rivkin, instructor, Weekend College, on the show "Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus," who offered her expertise in graphology by analyzing sketches drawn by the show's panel (May).

The station also carried a news story about the Hispanic Women's Conference at the Biltmore Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles April 6. The coverage included interviews with Mount students Claudia Almanza '01 and Gina Aguirre '03, who commented on the program, which included career workshops and a job fair.

Redbook Magazine—published a story on Lena Rivkin, instructor, Weekend College, about interpreting drawings (March).

Los Angeles Bay News Observer—featured a story about Sister Judy Vaughan, CSJ '68, who was recently honored as a Woman of the Year by the Los Angeles Commission for Women. Vaughan, a former teacher at the Mount in the 70s, is the founder and director of Alexandria House in Downtown Los Angeles, a transitional residence for women and children in need. Vaughan has consistently worked as an advocate for women's rights and social change and as director she oversees all the programs which assist women re-enter society, gain employment, and become self-sufficient (Feb.).

A number of Los Angeles publications—covered the 2001 Neighborhood Convention, hosted by former Los Angeles Mayor Richard J. Riordan, and held at the Mount St. Mary's College Doheny Campus. The goal of the convention was to create a forum for Angelenos to exchange ideas and address concerns regarding neighborhood improvement. The convention featured workshops on topics such as, "Creating Your Neighborhood Council," and "Addressing Crime in your Area" (Feb.).

Los Angeles Times—Columnist Daniel Cariaga reviewed the International Sejong Soloists, an 11-member string orchestra, which made its debut aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach. Cariaga described the group as, "a polished ensemble that produces beautiful sounds and projects high spirits." He described their performance as having consisted of "technical solidity, fluent passage work and perfect intonation." (March)

The Times also published a variety of music reviews of Da Camera Society concerts this past spring, including a recent performance of the British chamber choir, The Sixteen. Columnist John Heineken proclaimed their music to be, "opulent and austere, dramatic and contemporary, specific in creed and style yet timeless and universal." (April)

Entrepreneur Magazine—quoted Venetta Campbell, psychology, on the topic of stress management in its recent publication, "Grow Your Business," which serves as a guide for building a thriving business.

Siena Day 2001: "Math Counts"

"How do I love thee? Let me count the ways." Had Elizabeth Barrett Browning attended Siena Day 2001, March 29, on the Doheny Campus, she would have discovered ways to calculate the answer to the question of her legendary sonnet.

"Math Counts," the theme of this year's all-College convocation, was demonstrated in more than 20 interactive exhibits sponsored by departments and clubs ranging from Advisement to the Women's Leadership Program. As students, faculty, and staff visited and participated in the activities, it soon became apparent that whether the topic was blood pressure, music, grade point averages, or car loans, math plays an intrinsic part in our daily lives.

After an international buffet lunch, a panel comprised of alumnae who were *not* math majors revealed the ways that math plays a role in their jobs: Barbara Howes '95 (liberal arts), director of talent and organization development at Walt Disney Imagineering; Daisy Mah '98 (biochemistry) who is earning a master's degree in chemistry and involved in a study of ozone in the troposphere; Jessica Rojas '01 (business administration) who began as an assistant accountant in the audit division at KPMG after graduation; and Kathryn Brown Schaffer '89 (biology/pre-med), an epidemiologist and senior researcher for the Southern California Injury Prevention Center, UCLA.

"Siena Day was a day of insight," says nursing major Nancy Alcala '03. "I never knew math could be used in various professions."

GLENN MARZANO

Students learn ways that "math counts" at Siena Day.

Bridges

Actor Victor Rivers Gives Impassioned Address At Second Annual YSOP

Actor and domestic violence survivor Victor Rivers gave an impassioned address to Los Angeles youth at the second annual Youth Summit on Peace (YSOP—"Wise Up!") Saturday, April 21, on the Doheny Campus.

Sponsored by Campus Ministry and the Center for Urban Partnership, the event featured speakers, workshops, and entertainment focusing on finding solutions to ending violence in the home and in the community. Rivers, whose movie credits include *Two for Texas*, *Amistad*, *The Mask of Zorro*, *A Distinguished Gentleman*, *Fled*, *The Chain*, and *Blood in Blood Out—Bound by Honor*, told an enrapt audience about his childhood experiences as the victim of horrendous abuse at the hand of his father.

DON DAVIDSON

Victor Rivers at the Youth Summit on Peace.

He left home as a teenager and was "adopted" by a host of friends and teachers whose love and caring helped him escape the gang life he had become part of. He is now a tireless spokesman for the National Network to End Domestic Violence and spoke at the opening ceremony for the event. His wife, renowned author Miriam Rivas, hosted one of the afternoon workshops.

Among the workshops were: Making Peace Through Poetry; Law Enforcement and How it Affects You; Understanding the Dynamics of Partner Violence; Yoga—The Spirit Of Peace; The Reality of Racism; and Get Up, Stand Up, and Get Involved!

Dreamyard/L.A., MKR Dance Productions, Materia-Gris, and Eco-Band provided entertainment, and Chase Manhattan Bank, Peace Team L.A., and McDonald's Corporation provided major corporate sponsorship.

Thank You for Calling

By Don Davidson, Director of Public Relations

How many times have you sat down at the dinner table prepared to take that first delicious bite, only to have the telephone ring? You rise from your chair to answer, postponing your long-awaited hunger satisfaction, only to find a long-winded telemarketer on the other end pitching one of countless products and services you don't need or want. Before you can get a word in edgewise, the person on the other end has unleashed a 1,000-word pitch about the benefits of parting with your money.

On the evening of June 14, I became one of those telephone callers. I volunteered to participate in a phone-a-thon—that ongoing ritual performed by annual fund offices in college and universities across the country. Along with a cadre of enthusiastic alumnae and staff volunteers, I sat at my phone with my lists of persons to call.

While I'm a strong believer in the mission of the College and give to the MSMC Annual Fund each year, I still felt uneasy about asking people for money. Why was that? I've been through difficult financial times in my life and I know how hard it is to admit to it when asked to give, especially when the cause is worthwhile. We've all probably had times like those in our lives. Giving can sometimes be a difficult thing.

But I've also learned the value of giving. In addition to my Annual Fund check each year, I also gave to the Sister Karen M. Kennelly, CSJ, Endowed Scholarship when it was established, recognizing the contribution of the president I served so proudly in my first year here at the Mount. It's nice to know that one of the students I pass on campus is here partly because of my contribution.

At my own alma mater, the University of Redlands, I recently assisted with its campaign to renovate the chapel, a distinguished landmark for the college and the city. My contribution earned me the right to have my name on a seat there—which I dedicated to my two sons. Giving is a lasting thing.

As we made our calls on June 14, we left countless messages and got lots of "no answers." But when we finished, there was an abundance of stories told of contacts we made and the priceless opportunity to meet Mount alums on the phone and share in the spirit of their experiences here. What a wonderful group of people! One call in particular made me realize the noble nature of what my fellow volunteers had done that night. After speaking with one alumna, hearing her tell me she was doubling her gift of the previous year and sending a check for $2000, and sharing her experiences at the Mount and in her career, she said, "Thank you for calling."

I was dumbfounded. She thanked ME for my interest in her and her contribution to the College. Giving is indeed a wonderful thing.

Former President Kennelly Receives Honorary Degree from Hebrew Union College

It's a rare occasion when a Jewish university bestows an honorary degree on a nun. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) did just that at its Commencement ceremony May 14 when it awarded the Mount's former president Sister Karen M. Kennelly, CSJ, the degree of doctor of humane letters, honoris causa.

Kennelly was chosen to receive the degree by an HUC-JIR honors committee on the basis of her Judeo-Christian work, as well as her work with diverse cultures. In addition to working with Uri Herschel, president of the Skirball Cultural Center and the faculty at HUC-JIR, Los Angeles, Kennelly recently taught literature at the University of Bethlehem in the Holy Land.

She served as the 10th president of the College from 1989 to 2000.

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

On the eve of his leaving office at the completion of his second term on July 1, Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan (second from left) hosted members of the Mount community at Getty House, the official mayoral residence, on June 14. Accepting a gift of a basket of cookies from MSMC students, Mayor Riordan is joined in the photo by President Jackie Doud (far left), Maria Lyons, Director of Student Activities and Community Liaison, Doheny Campus (second from right), and Vice President for Institutional Advancement Joseph Zanetta (far right). The cookie in front says, "Riordan Library," symbolizing the naming of the Richard J. Riordan Central Library on June 18, which recognized his many efforts on behalf of the library, literacy, and education.

College Offers Weekend Graduate Education Program

A new Weekend Graduate Education Program is now offered at the Doheny Campus. Designed for adults wishing to become outstanding professional educators, the program gives them an opportunity to earn both a teaching credential and master's degree by attending classes only on weekends.

"This program is one of a kind," according to Tom Hoener '98, assistant director of the Weekend College. "While other programs might offer some Saturday classes, ours is the only one offered exclusively on weekends."

The weekend program is identical to Mount St. Mary's evening graduate education program and, like all of the education programs at the Mount, is approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

Mount St. Mary's College has earned a reputation for producing top-flight educators, and the College's outstanding faculty and innovative curriculum assist students in applying current knowledge and modern teaching tools to meet the challenges of today's schools.

Program experiences are planned outside the graduate classroom at Teacher Centers, model schools which offer a breadth of programs encouraging students to reflect on their vision of teaching, while becoming creative leaders in the classroom. By doing their fieldwork at these schools, graduate students are provided an ideal context for developing their own individual teaching and learning theories and practices.

The Weekend College also offers baccalaureate degrees at the Chalon Campus in liberal arts, business administration, English, and English and business administration. For more information, call the Weekend Graduate Education Program at (213) 477-2800.

The Mount Steps Forward When Exam Prep Firm Folds

Mount students who enrolled with an independent firm to take a CPA Review Course at UCLA got some bad news in February when they learned the class was cancelled because the company had gone out of business.

The classes had begun in December and were designed to assist the students in taking the CPA exam in May. Books had been purchased and fees paid, but students were left "out in the cold" when the company folded. Mount faculty member Steven Mintz and another instructor offered to teach the remaining classes for free.

Despite their offer to teach, UCLA wanted to charge a fee to the group of about 50 students for use of their facilities. Enter Mount St. Mary's College. Despite the fact that only four of the students were from the Mount, the College provided a place for the group to finish its class work—at no cost.

Jessica Rojas '01, one of those four students, was impressed with the College's commitment. "I am very glad to say that the Mount cared so much for the success of its four business students," she said, "that it granted permission for the classes to continue here. It shows that the Mount, the staff, faculty, and departments care about reaching out and helping their students … and how the Mount is continually providing students with opportunities to learn, grow, be recognized, and succeed." After graduation, Jessica immediately went to work at KPMG, one of the Big Five accounting firms.

Lyons Honored at Education Conference

"Visions of Community Through Literacy" was the theme of the Education Department's first annual conference held April 7 on the Doheny Campus. More than 100 teachers from private and public schools in the Los Angeles area attended the event.

Nadinne Cruz, director of Stanford University's Haas Center for Public Service, was the keynote speaker. In her address, "Envisioning and Creating Community through Literacy," she explained and gave examples of how formal education must be coupled with stories from students' own communities before they can develop an appreciation for the value of learning.

A highlight of the conference was the presentation of the College's 2001 Center for Cultural Fluency Award by Education Department faculty member Debbie Giunta, to Maria Lyons, director of student activities and community liaison, Doheny Campus. Recognizing Lyons' cross cultural leadership and ability to reach out to the community, Giunta said, "We are blessed to have Maria's guidance in helping us listen, love, and get along."

Speaking through tears of gratitude, Lyons said, "We have a living opportunity to go past the barriers of fear, anxiety, and hurt; our spirits have no color."

A visit to the Alumnae Association-sponsored "Teachers' Cupboard" (see My Turn, page two), where conference attendees could purchase teaching materials at low prices, ended the day's activities.

GLENN MARZANO

Maria Lyons receives the 2001 Cultural Fluency Award.

Sister Mary Williams Named Provost After Nationwide Search

Sister Mary Williams, CSJ, was named provost and vice president for academic affairs in April, culminating a nationwide search for the College's chief academic officer.

President Jackie Doud says, "Sr. Mary brings to the position a signature education, intelligence, impeccable integrity, vast knowledge and experience in higher education and a total commitment to the mission and goals of Mount St. Mary's College.

"She has served ably in the position for one and one-half years. Reluctantly, but most generously, she filled in for me while I was on sabbatical in Belgium in spring 2000. Last summer, Sr. Mary agreed to be the provost for the academic year 2000–2001 and while doing so, became energized by the challenges of the job and by her colleagues on the faculty and administration."

"I am very pleased to be able to hold the position of provost at this time, when the College is moving so energetically into the 21st century," Williams says. "I look forward to working with our exceptional faculty, staff, and administration as we develop future programs and work with funding organizations to carry the MSMC mission into the future."

Three-peat

Future Teachers Earn Rockefeller Fellowships

Mount students have done it again. Sonia Arteaga '02, Angelica Dueñas '02, and Qéona Hamilton '02 have been awarded Rockefeller Brothers Fund Fellowships for Minority Students Entering the Teaching Profession, marking the seventh year that MSMC students have been awarded the fellowship, and the third time all three of the Mount's candidates were selected. These Mount scholars are among only 25 students from 15 institutions nationally to receive the fellowship.

By Laura Zaragoza Guerrero

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Since the fellowship program's launching in 1992, the Mount has had at least one student named a fellow every year (with the exception of the period between 1997 and 2000, when the fund was temporarily suspended for evaluation), with a total of 15 fellows overall—an impressive figure by most standards.

The reason for such success? "The Mount offers a unique undergraduate program that allows students to take courses toward their teaching credential, thereby giving them an edge over other fellowship hopefuls," explains Pat Disterhoft, chair, education department. "Not all colleges provide this opportunity."

And students need an edge to rise above the stiff competition. "In addition to having highly competent students who meet the program's criteria, the Mount also does an excellent job of preparing them for their interviews, a crucial part of the selection process," says Disterhoft. After being interviewed by President Jacqueline Powers Doud and Provost Sister Mary Williams, CSJ, the semi-finalists underwent a simulated interview by a panel including Mount Trustees Michael Enright and Jim Flanigan, and Susan Powers, deputy district attorney for the County of Los Angeles. This process, the students admit, greatly helped them pull through the nerve-wracking interviews at the Rockefeller Brothers Fund headquarters in New York.

"The Mount offers a unique undergraduate program that allows students to take courses toward their teaching credential, thereby giving them an edge over other fellowship hopefuls."

The three were selected on the basis of their applications and interviews, as well as their strong commitment to education, public school teaching, and the students they plan to teach. They will each receive $20,000 to pursue their graduate education.

Whatever grade level they decide to teach, Arteaga, Dueñas, and Hamilton all believe that great teachers create accomplished students. Their profiles clearly indicate their future students will be quite a success.

An Inspiration to Her Community

Ever since she was a little girl, Sonia Arteaga '02 dreamed of being a teacher. At the age of nine, she played "school" with her siblings, assigning them homework, and teaching them math and reading skills, all within the confines of a converted garage they called home in Huntington Park, Calif.

Times were tough for the Arteaga family, but Sonia's determination was unrelenting. She was able to overcome many barriers in pursuit of her dream, and is now one step closer to realizing it after being awarded a Rockefeller fellowship.

Arteaga, who also was named a 2000-2001 Gates Millennium Scholar, attributes her academic success to the College's small classes and supportive professors. "The Mount has also helped me build leadership and social skills through my involvement as an Institute for Student Academic Enrichment peer advisor," she says. "With the assistance of Professor Carla Bartlett, I am teaching high school students and learning a lot more about teaching than I would in the classroom."

The Rockefeller fellowship will provide the math major with the much-needed financial support to continue her commitment to teaching and community. "Strong teaching and careful advising are skills I want to develop in graduate school," she states. "Teaching will be more than a career; it will provide me with the opportunity to give back to my community by helping adolescents succeed in school."

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Sonia Arteaga '02

Making a Difference in Children's Lives

Children are the driving force behind Angelica Dueñas's determination to become an elementary school teacher. "I want to be a teacher who makes a difference in children's lives," she proclaims. "There exists no better feeling than knowing that my words and actions have helped to further the knowledge of children."

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Angelica Dueñas '02

The liberal studies major, who also received a 2000-2001 Gates Millennium Scholarship, has served as president of the Mount's service sorority, Pi Theta Mu, where she has helped feed the homeless, made children aware of the College through Project Grad, and been involved in many service activities. Additionally, she is an admission's associate and a member of Volunteers in Partnership where she works with high school students interested in attending college.

Currently in her third year of volunteering her Saturday mornings as a Catechist teacher, Dueñas helps prepare children to receive their first Holy Communion. "This experience has strengthened my goal of wanting to become a teacher," she states. "Although working with children has been a great challenge," she admits, "it has been the most rewarding challenge that I have ever experienced."

M. BRADLEY ELLIOTT

This marks the third time the Mount has had three Rockefeller Fellows in the same year. Pictured on the cover of the fall 1993 issue of Mount St. Mary's College Magazine are (left to right) Lilia Aguila '94, Elena Enriquez '94, and Adriana Chavez '94.

RICK MENDOZA

Qéona Hamilton '02

Advocating Tolerance, Citizenship, Unity, and Openness

"There will never be a time that I will give up on any student, or not help a student realize his or her potential because I'll always keep in mind the importance of touching a life with dedication and love," says Qéona Hamilton who vows to commit herself to the teaching profession for the rest of her working career.

Since 1994, Hamilton has been affiliated with the Los Angeles Unified School District, tutoring and teaching children. In her spare time, she has volunteered to tutor neighborhood children and some of her relatives. These experiences have reinforced her aspirations to become an effective teacher, which she believes is "supportive of differences and multiple intelligences, innovative, creative, informative, loving, and concerned with the well being of his or her students and the knowledge that they will acquire."

Hamilton credits her family for teaching her the meaning of unity, and hopes to create that same kind of feeling in her own classroom someday. "I believe it is important that I establish an environment that does not advocate fearfulness and mistrust, but rather tolerance, citizenship, unity, and openness," she explains.

More Mount Students Receive Gates Scholarships

The Spring 2001 issue of The Mount featured Gates Millennium Scholar Jaclyn Zapanta '04. Three additional Mount students have been awarded the prestigious award: Pamela Utu '04, Angelica Dueñas '02, and Sonia Arteaga '02.

The Gates Millennium Scholars initiative, funded by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, was created in September 1999 to offer financial assistance for college to African-Americans, American Indians/Alaskan Natives, Hispanic Americans, and Asian Pacific Americans. The goal is to promote academic excellence and provide opportunities for thousands of outstanding students to reach their fullest potential. Selected from among more than 62,000 nominated individuals, the students each received funds for the cost of tuition, fees, books, and living expenses for the 2000–2001 academic year.

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Pamela Utu '04, liberal studies

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Angelica Dueñas '02, liberal studies

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Sonia Arteaga '02, math

COMMENCEMENT 2001

GLENN MARZANO

"Success is a journey, not a destination, and it is not the destination, but the journey that is worth traveling."

—Ann Meyers Drysdale

The Shrine Auditorium was filled to capacity on May 14 for the College's 72nd Commencement ceremony where more than 600 graduates, their families and friends gathered to celebrate the special evening.

Activities began with master of ceremonies Jim Flanigan, L.A. Times columnist and member of the Mount's board of trustees, welcoming the crowd of 6000, and associate-in-arts graduate Margarita Rivas offering greetings on behalf of the class of 2001. President Jacqueline Powers Doud saluted the graduates and wished them much success.

Broadcast journalist Ann Meyers Drysdale received the degree of doctor of humane letters, honoris causa, in recognition of her extraordinary achievements, for setting examples and high standards, and for expressing the mission of the College.

In her commencement address she advised, "Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do," giving examples from her own experiences as an athlete who broke down barriers for women in the world of sports.

The class tribute (see page 15) was given by baccalaureate candidate Julianne Lapham, a gerontology major whose comments were set to rhyme in a style reminiscent of Dr. Seuss.

Degrees were conferred by Sister Jill Napier, CSJ, chair of the board of trustees, and President Doud; the graduates were presented by Sister Mary Williams, CSJ, academic vice president and provost.

The evening ended with a blessing from Reverend George O'Brien, and much cheering and fanfare as the new alums proudly marched out of the auditorium. Ⓜ

CLASS TRIBUTE

By Julianne Lapham '01

President Doud, Sisters of St. Joseph, regents, trustees, faculty, staff, family, friends, and honored guests. With special thanks and apologies to Dr. Seuss, I would like to say:

Congratulations fellow graduates!
Today is OUR day.
We're off to great places!
We're off and away!

With Mount St. Mary's diplomas in our hands
And feet in our shoes,
We can steer ourselves
in any direction we choose.

We are on our own. And we know what we know.
And WE are the women who'll decide where to go.

We'll look at our choices of careers. Look 'em over with care.
About some we will say, "We don't choose to work there."
With our heads full of brains and internships in succession,
We're too smart to work in any not-so-good profession.

And we may not find any
We will want to work for.
In that case, of course,
We will head straight for the door.

It's opener there
In the wide open air.

Out there things can happen
and frequently do
to people as brainy
and footsy as I'm talking to.

And when things start to happen,
don't worry. Don't stew.
Just go right along.
We will start happening, too.

Oh! The places we'll go!

We are on our way up!
We'll be seeing great sights!
We'll join the high fliers
who soar to high heights.

We won't lag behind, because we'll have the speed.
We'll pass the whole gang and we'll soon take the lead.
Wherever we fly, we'll be the best of the best.
Wherever we go, we will top all the rest.

And before our way up, we must stop and give thanks:

Thanks to our professors and mentors
For guiding us through
Our parents and grandparents
For the support and revenue!

Let's not forget to thank our sisters and brothers
And we must remember...
To say thanks to our aunts, uncles, and all of the others.

Thank you to our boyfriends and girlfriends
For all the times that they've cared.

And last but not least, thank you roommates and classmates
For the great memories we've shared!

Graduation is also a time for saying good-byes:

We must say good-bye to the Mount,
And its beautiful view.

Good-bye to the dorm rooms
And the underclass-women, too!

Farewell to the sister who picks up the trash,
And to all of the heaters that seem to leak gas!

Au revoir to the deer that we try to steer clear,
And to the limited parking space we have every year!

Adios to the shuttle and all its runs back,
And how can we forget the security shack?

We probably won't miss the e-mail that was always a mess,
Or the salad bar that remained in unusual excess.

But Sayonara must be said to early morning classes,
late night meetings,
Walking the loop and our deadly commute,
And oh, that tiresome hill that gave us such beatings!

Now that the thanks have been given
And when all of the good-byes have been said
It's time to go and move on ahead!

So be sure when you step,
Step with great care and great tact
And remember that life's a great balancing act.
Just never forget to be dexterous and deft.
And never mix up your right foot with your left.

And will we succeed?
Yes! We will, indeed!
2001 percent guaranteed.

Women, we will move mountains!

So be your name...
Katrina, Tola, April, or Chastin,
Arcelia, Margo, Beatriz, Christina, Amanda or Erin,
Carolina, Tina, Monica, Angie, Abbey or Ellen

...and everyone else I was unable to mention!

We're off to great places!
Today is our day!
Our new Mount is waiting.
So,...let's get on our way!

GLENN MARZANO

Moving *On*

By Joy Jacobs

Sister James Marien Dyer, CSJ '68 *Goes to High School*

"I joined the convent and saw the world," says Sister James Marien Dyer '68 as she reflects upon her 26-year teaching career at the Mount from her window-lined, rotunda-shaped office on the Doheny Campus.

Born Doreen Dyer in Oakdale, Calif., she became Sister James Marien, a name she selected to honor her father, brother, and grandmother, when she entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in 1963. She attended Mount St. Mary's College as a history major with an English minor, and received her bachelor of arts degree in 1968.

Her first teaching missions were in Redondo Beach, Calif. and Kennewick, Wash., where she taught in Catholic elementary schools until she enrolled at UCLA and earned a master's degree in medieval history in 1975.

That year, she became an instructor at the Mount, teaching on both campuses, and she prides herself on the fact that once she joined the history department, she taught a western civilization course every semester thereafter. "In addition, I've had a varied career which included 12 years as the director of residence life on the Doheny Campus and as chair of the MSMC graduation committee, director of Interterm, director of summer school, and a stint as an elected member to the Committee On Staff Affairs."

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Gazing at flower boxes on the porch through lacey white curtains, Dyer fondly remembers her first year at the Mount. "I was only a few years older than my students during the bicentennial year, and during Interterm (four weeks between the winter and spring semester), I took 12 students on a 30-day bus tour of the United States," she says. "Wherever we went, people told me what nice students I had, and they always represented the College very well. But one day it dawned on me that these were young women, not little girls, and I finally eased up on the roll calls wherever we went," she says.

One of her most memorable moments occurred in 1993 when she was the mentor to two of the three Rockefeller Brothers Fund fellows selected from the College. "I traveled to Washington, D.C., with them and when they gave their presentations, I was just bursting with pride," she recalls.

More recently, she experienced her "15 minutes of fame" when she was featured on Huell Howser's "Visiting" program, spotlighting the College's Doheny Mansion on public television stations in California. "People are still coming up to me when I am off campus, telling me that they saw me on the program," she says.

A recipient of the Faculty of the Year award in 1977 and 2001, Dyer has had a strong influence on the lives of her students.

"She taught us so much about history and she presented it in an interesting way that made it unforgettable," says Anna Verdin '97, a sociology major, who served as a resident assistant under Dyer's direction. "Always with a smile, she encouraged us, supported us, presented us with opportunities, and made us realize that we could do whatever we set out to do," she says.

Reflecting over her tenure at the College, Dyer discusses the ways students have changed over the years. "Life has become a lot more complicated and intense for students today," she says. "Some of them have children, have to work full time, and just don't have time to enjoy college life as they did 26 years ago," she says.

Dyer leaves the Mount to become the principal at Carondelet High School, an all-girls Catholic school of 800 in Concord, Calif. "I'll be the sixth principal in the school's history, joining a great tradition of leaders, all of whom are Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and three of whom have taught at the Mount: Sister Barbara Cotton, Sister Edward Mary Zerwekh, and Sister Kathleen Kelly," she says proudly.

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Marie Zeuthen '58 *Leaves the Lab*

Three weeks after her graduation in 1958, Marie Zeuthen '58, who earned a bachelor of science degree in bacteriology, was asked to teach a summer school course in microbiology at the College.

"The class was filled with sisters, fellow students, and lab technologists, and I was so nervous and unsure of myself that I tried to resign six times," admits Zeuthen. "But Sister Gertrude Joseph, then chair of the biological sciences department, told me it was too late to quit because she had already printed my name in the catalog the year before."

That wasn't the only challenge she faced. Most of her students were acquaintances, and while it seemed natural for them to call her "Marie," the practice was frowned upon by administrators who thought it unprofessional and undignified. So her students began to call her "Z" instead, the name she has been known by throughout her 43-year career.

Zeuthen had originally planned to become a laboratory technologist, but quickly discovered how much she enjoyed teaching. To enhance her knowledge and skills, she enrolled at UCLA where she received a master of science degree in infectious diseases in 1965, and in 1989, a Ph.D. in microbiology and immunology. In addition to her teaching responsibilities over the years and her advancement from instructor to full-time professor, she has spent three weekends each month as a medical technologist at both campuses of the Daniel Freeman Memorial Hospitals. She has also been a visiting associate professor at UCLA's Department of Microbiology and Immunology in the School of Medicine, volunteered for Project Hope at Laredo, Tex., and was selected as a president's fellow by the American Society of Microbiology.

It's a wonder that she ever had time to stop and smell the flowers, but in 1972 on a spring trip to Death Valley, Zeuthen discovered a new interest that would change her life. "A friend and I were driving near Baker, Calif., when we came around a bend and saw a valley filled with rocks with reddish-black desert patina surrounded by purple phacelia and yellow primroses," she says. "I have never seen anything so beautiful in my life. When I came home, I bought a book on wildflowers, then several more, and I have been studying about them ever since." Her Hiking and Wildflowers class, an offshoot of this passion, was so well received that it became an established physical education course at the College.

In her laboratory, redolent with pungent yeast and mold cultures in petri dishes lining the shelves of an entire wall, Zeuthen reflects on the changes in students since her early teaching days. "Students 40 years ago concentrated on becoming medical technologists and had strong lab orientations; today, they are more interested in medical careers or M.D./Ph.D. programs, and microbiology serves as a background instead of a focus."

She attributes her long tenure at the Mount to having wonderful colleagues and to her students. "I have really liked teaching," she says. "Our students are not arrogant and they have been good to work with; I'm really proud of them."

Similarly, her students remember her with much admiration. "She is an excellent instructor and she trained us well," says Mary Karig Durso '61, a medical technologist at St. Joseph's Hospital in Burbank. "For the last 40 years, no technician in my class has ever been without a job." A more recent graduate, Dorothy Marquez '98, currently a medical student at UC Irvine, remembers the ways Zeuthen supported her students and encouraged them to make their own decisions about lab work. "'Z' gave us suggestions based on the wisdom of her own experiences, but she always allowed us to carry out our own ideas about our projects," says Marquez. "She is like a walking encyclopedia, a professor with so much knowledge, yet she is very humble about it."

Her long-time colleague of more than 40 years, Sister Annette Bower, CSJ '59, chair of the biological sciences department, sums up her experiences with Zeuthen: "You could always count on Marie to be there and help you out…and you didn't have to ask."

Although retired, Zeuthen will return to the Mount to teach one class in the fall. Her plans also include trips to Austria to visit her family and perfect her German, getting in her car and "going someplace," and caring for her menagerie of dogs, cats, chickens, tortoises, a duck, and an occasional crow, all rescued animals that she has nursed back to health. Ⓜ

A scholarship has been established in Zeuthen's name to support the science departments. Contributions to MSMC, identified with her name, may be sent to Joseph Zanetta, Institutional Advancement, 10 Chester Place, Los Angeles, CA, 90007.

Class Notes

'32

Eileen Nason Rhyner is very active in the California Retired Teachers Association but still has time for trail horses and mules on the farm.

'39

LaVerne Carlton Rollins is enjoying retirement in the beautiful Northwest. She lives with her daughter and has 23 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She says the family reunions are something else, with at least 50 people camping out together.

'43

Mary Emerson Limebrook recently welcomed her 10th grandchild.

'46

Marta Terrazas Riveroll's daughters organized a lovely 75th birthday party celebration in January, which included a Mass and brunch with about 50 friends. She missed her friends from the Mount.

'48

Yvonne Portmann Rousculp is retired and keeps busy enjoying her four children, two grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

'50

Joella Hardeman Gipson, a former American Senior Fulbright Scholar, published an album of color photographs of people and places in Romania. The album was launched at the American Cultural Center in Bucharest in March.

'51

Jane Donnelly Melanson celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary with a family reunion at Sun River Resort in Oregon last summer. There were 27 people attending.

Mary Lou Hart Forbath volunteers at Christian Service, studies Spanish and computers, and sews for her grandchildren.

Evelyn Kraemer Francuz welcomed her 13th grandchild.

'53

Claire Fitzgerald Molnar retired after 23 years as a school nurse for L.A. County and moved to Oakhurst, Calif. She loves it there!

'55

Nancy Galt Haynoski is still teaching and subbing at private schools.

'56

Sally Heenan Bernard continues to enjoy her 10 grandchildren, golf, tennis, and traveling with her retired husband.

'57

Kathleen Flynn Vernon has retired from her part-time SAIC job. She is the Eucharistic minister at Casa Palmera, a convalescent nursing facility in Del Mar. She is also a lector at St. James in Solana Beach.

Alice Osti Carriere has 14 grandchildren, and she and her husband travel quite a bit visiting them since they are scattered all the way from San Juan Capistrano to Bothell, Wash.

Rosemary Saal Kvaas was recently elected president of the Santa Barbara Associates, a non-profit, mutual benefit organization formed 20 years ago to promote and enhance the association of business and professional women within the community.

'58

Rachel Fitzgerald-Shumway traveled to Santiago, Chile, last January to teach in the School of Spirituality and Ecofeminist Ethics. She worked with Sr. Margaret O'Rourke, CSJ, a former Mount faculty member now living in Chile.

'59

Marilyn Ball Carvin has visited relatives in Alaska, and tutors for the World Literacy Crusade in Compton.

Rosalie Meggiolaro O'Grady retired from Scripps Memorial Hospital in Encinitas and is enjoying traveling and spending time with her grandchildren.

Jeanette Valentino Villalobos and her husband are the proud grandparents of a new grandson.

'60

Marilyn Brassor Nagel welcomed her third grandchild last July 4.

'61

Sharon Lisle Writer has retired from Orange Unified School District and now teaches at California State University, Long Beach, in the Science Education Department. She is also the state coordinator for the California Science Olympiad held at CSULB.

'63

Sarah Jane Bolger finally completed her MSN in June. Now she can retire!

Bobbi Dummel Brunner and her husband are grandparents for the first time, welcoming a grandson on her birthday last March. She and her husband have moved to Flagstaff, Ariz., to enjoy living in the ponderosa pine forest just outside of town.

Sr. Mary Sevilla, CSJ, spent two weeks last July volunteering at a camp for children. She worked with Global Childrens Organization to help the youngsters' healing process.

'65

Barbara Beesley Dietterle served as president of the St. Juliana Parish Pastoral Council and works in several outreach activities with seniors and the homeless. She also continues to substitute teach occasionally.

Joanne Palmer Currie's three children are full-time college students.

'66

Emily Deutsch Keller works full time at St. Francis Medical Center and enjoys free time with her grandsons.

Susan Schanz Rausch and her husband presented information on "building the dream"—a community approach to building a new worship space—at the Form/Reform Conference in Chicago this past June. They also traveled to Italy for a small family reunion.

'68

Vickie Russell Kennedy was diagnosed 24 years ago with retinitis pigmentosa. As president of the North Bay Chapter of the Foundation Fighting Blindness Northern California Affiliate, she devotes much of her time to serving as a resource for people who have been newly diagnosed with retinal degenerative diseases.

'69

Mary Lou De Leon Siantz is a tenured professor and the associate dean for research and graduate programs at Georgetown University School of Nursing and Health Studies. She is also currently president of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses.

Cheryl Mabey-Ruebensaal received the Achiever of the Year award for her 30 years of service to underprivileged students. The honor was presented at Les Dames de Champagne International Hostesses' Mardi Gras Bal Masque.

Palma Nitti Holland has started her second year of teaching and as coordinator of the Language Arts Center at Escondido Charter High School.

'70

Sydney Wilson Wigle continues to teach third grade at Kiva Elementary School in Scottsdale, Ariz. Her daughter is a college sophomore.

'71

Elsa B. Echeverria is retired and enjoying her four grandchildren.

'72

Kathleen Knudsen DeSantis celebrated a joint 50th birthday party in Portland with fellow classmates **Mary Kathryn Durando, Cindy Elder Jenkins, Sharon Pech Schmid, Roslyn Olaes Granger**, and **Bea Gutierrez Rush**, and then celebrated her actual birthday at a villa in Tuscany with her husband and friends.

Sharon McBride Valente is an assistant professor at USC and is conducting research at the Veterans Administration on end-of-life choices. She is also co-authoring a book on human sexuality. She has been appointed to the National APA End of Life Task Force and volunteers for Compassion.

'73

Mary Breden was the chair of the 12th Annual High School Choir Festival sponsored by the Los Angeles Master Chorale in April. She continues in her work as director of choral activities at Loyola Marymount University.

'74

Patricia Weisser Reno's oldest daughter is a sophomore at MSMC. She and her family are planning a trip to Minnesota in August to visit friends and family and to fish.

'76

William Hamilton published the book "Fighting for Your Life" by Jerome Wolfe and founded the nonprofit Friends of San Francisco Animal Care and Control.

'78

Teresa Car Gannon is a school nurse for LAUSD at two elementary schools, and is involved with her three children and her parish teaching confirmation classes. In her spare time, she enjoys quilting and reading.

Mary McEntee Gosnell and her family moved to Houston two years ago. She returned to school nursing for the Spring Branch Independent School District.

Katina Zaninovich Etsell, a former executive director of the Santa Barbara Visiting Nurse Assocation, has been elected to the board of directors of the nonprofit Cottage Health System.

'79

April Hazard Vallerand has received a National Cancer Institute grant to teach home health nurses, patients, and their caregivers how to properly manage patients' cancer-related pain.

Pamela Pine Weaver is currently teaching kindergarten at Rossmoor Elementary School in Los Alamitos, Calif. She has three children.

'80

Marytherese Sauer was recently promoted to the position of chief administrative analyst in the city administrative office. She has worked for the City of Los Angeles for 21 years, and supervises the preparation of the city's budget. She spends her free time enjoying the company of her nine-year-old daughter.

'81

Carol Fisk Bennett started Tae Kwon Do in February, and traveled with her mother to Port Townsend, Wash.

'82

Denise Teasley is working in cardiac rehabilitation at Downey Regional Medical Center.

'83

Deborah Ulrey-Crosby works three days a week as a physical therapist, enjoys time at home with her two sons, and takes care of their farm animals (horses, sheep, ducks, geese).

'84

Jenny Moutard Mott celebrates her 20th wedding anniversary in September. She has three children, and enjoys staying home with them as well as volunteering in the PTA and the ministry at St. Paul the Apostle Church.

'86

Gliceria Mananzan-Rosario has been listed in the sixth edition of the "Who's Who Among America's Teachers."

Betty Hicks Price works as director of telemetry at Antelope Valley Hospital Medical Center and has two sons.

'89

Keith J. Soko was awarded his Ph.D. in religious studies with a specialization in systemic theology from Marquette University this May. The title of his dissertation is *Human Rights and Ecological Duties in Buddhism and Roman Catholicism: Test Case for a Global Ethic*.

An Act of Giving

Opportunities to give back to the Mount:

Got the Bug?
$1,500 will provide one Doheny student with a computer.

Surfing the Web.
Build and outfit a new computer classroom on the Chalon Campus. $25,000

Get involved!
Establish a fund to connect more community business leaders with the College and students. $2,500

Be a Teacher's Pet.
Send a part-time faculty member to professional development and training seminars. $2,500 per stipend.

Tutor Time.
Help students improve their math, science, writing and critical thinking skills through a tutoring program. $500 per tutor.

Together as One!
Underwrite a workshop for building inclusive communities. $7,500 gift

Parlez-Vous Français?
A gift of $10,000 will establish a multi-lingual laboratory on the Chalon Campus.

Promote World Peace.
Provide training and a stipend for an urban intern working to promote social justice in our local and global communities. $2,000

Need a Job?
Expand career counseling services for Mount alums. $3,000

Supply the Way
Provide supplies for the Women's Leadership Portfolio Program. $300

Gift opportunities are subject to change. Contact Liz Zima, Director of Annual Giving at (213) 477-2534 about information on the gifts above or other gift inquiries.

'92

Rhena Marie Suva Carusillo has transferred to the Health Care Agency, County of Orange, as a supervising public health nurse.

Jeanette Traub Holt lives in Templeton, Calif., and has resigned her position as a maternal-child public health nurse in Morro Bay to enjoy time at home with her new daughter.

Leslie Wallace's private practice as a physical therapist is growing.

'93

Lucia Castellana Martinez has been in practice for three years as a registered dental hygienist in Yorba Linda. She and her husband have traveled to many exotic places, including Jamaica, Fiji, Europe, Hawaii, and throughout the Caribbean. They are avid scuba divers.

Tina Fischer Moran is teaching English at Redwood High School's new AVID Coordinator (Advancement Via Individual Determination) which prepares middle of the road students for the UC system.

'94

Erica Jager Wang runs her own business as a personal coach. She empowers high achievers to lead successful lives without sacrificing themselves.

'97

Regina Pontes has started her own company, Centaur Creations, to manufacture and market a toy which she recently patented.

'98

Susette Aguiar directed *Romeo and Juliet*, one of the school plays this year at the high school in Chino where she teaches English.

Brenda Canales graduated from Temple University Law School in May. This past year she won a case against the INS defending the rights of a woman from El Salvador, and defended one of the protestors at the Republican National Convention last summer.

Dawn CeDillos Harlow received the Nurse Excellence Award for pediatric nursing voted by her peers at Little Company of Mary Hospital in Torrance, Calif.

Edmund Duran was recently promoted as a surgical charge nurse at Kaiser Sunset Hospital.

Olivia Rojo currently works as a fourth grade teacher in Hacienda La Puente Unified School District. She is working on a teaching credential, and recently returned to visit Spain where she studied over three years ago.

Marie Christine McAusland Seitz graduated from the UCLA's master's program in nursing in June, and will be celebrating with classmates **LaJean Forbes** and **Wende Owen**, who received their master's in 2000, and with **Mary Granier**, who will graduate with a master's from UCLA in 2002.

Dianne Stewart graduated from American University and is returning to California to study for the bar exam. She was editor of the Administrative Law Review at the university.

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Maria Farias has been with the L.A. County Probation Department for one year, and will start her second year at Whittier Law School.

Nataporn Anna Intharathut received her MBA in management of global information technology and international communications from the Kogood School of Business at American University in Washington, D.C., in May. She will be relocating to Japan in September.

Diana Murphy is directing a new program at Loyola Marymount University, PLACE-Corps, (Partners in Los Angeles Catholic Education). It is a Catholic teacher service corps in partnership with the Los Angeles Archdiocese and the University of Notre Dame. It places teachers in the inner city.

Yvette San Juan returned from the Philippines, where she pursued a singing career, and is now working as a NICU staff nurse while she pursues a master's degree in public health. She also sings professionally at weddings and is a cantor at St. Martha's Church in Valinda, Calif.

New Alumnae Feature

Beginning with the next issue of *The Mount*, we are adding a new section to our Alumnae News called **Advanced Degrees**, which will list new degrees alums have received. For our inaugural run, please send us information on any degrees that you have been awarded within the last three years that have not already been published in Class Notes. We will need the kind of degree with specialization (if any), the name of the institution granting the degree, and the date the degree was granted. We are very proud of our alums and this is one way we can demonstrate this pride—by showcasing your academic achievements.

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Renee Ross has been named editor of the Law Review at Golden Gate University School of Law in San Francisco.

Kate Hartsfield Zimmerman has been designated literary/citations editor of the Law Review at Pepperdine University and has been chosen chair of the Moot Court for next year.

Two by Two

The Alumnae Association extends best wishes to the following alumnae and their spouses:

'68 Felice Brown to Roger Brault
'90 Nancy Eng to Dean M. Dacumos
'94 Sharon Flummerfelt to Glenn Schneider
'95 Alma G. Ortiz to James Chairez
'97 Maricar Inigo to Michael Esteban

By-Lines

The Alumnae Association extends congratulations to the following alumnae and their spouses on the birth of their children:

'88 Austin H. to Karen McKnight Compton, 1st child
'89 Anna to Maureen McGuire Franek, 4th child, 2nd daughter
'92 Alexander to Donna Burr-Le, 1st child
'92 Emma Jayne to Jeanette Traub Holt, 1st child
'92 James Christopher to Ann-Marie White Medeiros, 1st child
'95 Grant Edward Duntugan to Jergen Chua
'96 Chike Noah to Rivien Beauchamp Amobi, 1st child

Requiescant

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of:

'33 son of Helena Geier Keefe, nephew of Maria Geier '36, Margarita Geier '44, and Lenora Geier Shay '47
'35 Lucy Milligan Molloy
'39 husband of Mary Elizabeth Box Schuck
'42 Thelma Cameron Splane
'42 Louise Truxaw Sutherland
'43 Marian Martin Shewell
'49 Mary Yurich Brakovich
'50 husband of Erika Orth Owens
'56 husband of Barbara Book Baxter
'58 Thelma Dobbs
'60 mother of Donna May Avery
'62 husband of Judith Foster Burke
'62 Joyce Ellen Smith Miller
'67 husband of Kathleen Donovan Jensen
'68 husband of Maria Cortina
'70 father of Mary Lillig Koenig
'70 Deirdre Sullivan Motley
'73 father of Karen Cabral
'78 Katherine Hunter
'79 mother of Miriam Veling Ellis
'80 father of Rene Gonsalves Curtis
'93 Patricia Takaki

They will be remembered in the Masses, prayers, and good works of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

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Doheny students process at Laurel Day in the 1960s.

The first Mary's Day on the Chalon Campus in 1933.

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Honoring Traditions

On the afternoon of May 15, 1933, the first Mary's Day was celebrated as a group of Mount students and faculty processed to the statue of Our Lady of Grace, the first shrine erected on the Chalon Campus, and witnessed its blessing by Father Joseph Vaughan, S.J. The procession returned to the campus chapel (then a room in Brady Hall), where a ceremony concluded with benediction.

In 1934, Sister Regina Joseph Daeley, the Mount's first sodality moderator, promoted devotion to Our Lady of Grace through various activities during the academic year, which culminated in the May crowning of the statue. By 1956, Mary's Day was designated an awards and honors convocation, in which the College honors Mary, mother of Jesus, by recognizing students who have developed their gifts so as to share them in service with the world in which we live.

Similarly, the Doheny Campus started its own tradition in the 1960s in the form of Laurel Day, which honored those students who excelled scholastically, and in leadership and service to their school. In the beginning, the day also honored the Laurel Circle, chosen by student body representatives and comprised of those who were not elected officers, but nevertheless devoted many hours of their time in dedicated service to the College. Being chosen a Laurel Girl was one of the greatest honors a student could offer a fellow student.

Like Mary's Day, Laurel Day has evolved over the years into a pre-commencement awards and honors ceremony, which serves to recognize the achievements of Mount students. Although the ceremonies serve different campuses, both share the tradition of honoring students for their unique gifts, talents, and contributions.

Save the Date

September

Saturday, September 15
Liturgical Composers Forum
9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Humanities Bldg. #503, Chalon Campus

Renowned conductor Christopher Walker will lead this stimulating and productive gathering of people desiring to write music for liturgical celebrations. For more information, call the Music Department, (310) 954-4265.

Saturday, September 29
Music Making with Today's Young: New Materials, New Approaches, New Connections
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Little Theatre, Chalon Campus

This workshop for school and church will emphasize music activities based on the National Music Standards, and on music for special liturgies in schools, parishes, catechesis, and prayer services. For more information, call the Music Department, (310) 954-4265.

October

Friday, October 5
Alumni Concert
8 p.m.
Doheny Mansion

For more information,
call the Music Department, (310) 954-4265.

Saturday, October 6
76th Founders Day
Chalon Campus

Reunions for '56, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81, '86 & '91